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Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the period for response to the non-final Office action mailed 7 July 2005 by three months, to and including 9 January 2006 (7 January falling on a Saturday). The Director is requested to charge the fee for the requested extension (\$1,020) to our Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any additional fees required to render the concurrently-filed Notice of Appeal timely may also be charged to, and any overcharge may be credited to, the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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